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REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is submitted following a telephone interview with the Examiner on December 5, 2005. During the telephone interview Mr. Lardy, who is one of the named inventors, briefly discussed the articles that were submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on December 1, 2005. In that interview, Mr. Lardy also provided a historic background of work that was done by others in the area, and also explained how the technique that is the subject of the pending claims differs from that other work. Mr. Lardy also explained a present commercial embodiment of the claimed invention.

At the end of the interview, the Examiner indicated that the lack of definition for B(0) and N in claims 22 and 23 respectively might render the claims indefinite and asked the undersigned for a proposed amendment in that regard.

No extension of time is believed due. However, in the event that the Commissioner determines that an extension of time is required, the undersigned hereby petitions for such extension and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the Milbank deposit account 13-3250 for any required fee.

Status of the Claims

By the Amendment above claims 22-23 are amended. Claims 21-23 are now pending, with claim 23 an independent claim.

II. Request for Reconsideration

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and prompt notification thereof is requested. If the prosecution of this application can

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be advanced by a telephone conference, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (212) 530-5000.

Respectfully submitted

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